

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### East and South Threaten Important Western Land Measures.

Washington.—Two bills of great importance to the west are threatened with defeat because of opposition by eastern and southern members of the house of representatives. One proposes to modify the cultivation clause of the homestead law by reducing the area that must be cultivated prior to the submission of final proof, and the other grants to settlers on government irrigation projects 20 years, instead of 10, in which to pay for water.

Consideration has been given by the senate and house committees on public lands to bills proposing to amend the homestead law, but neither house has passed such a bill.

So far as the 20-year bill is concerned, that has already passed the senate, but the house has refused to consider the senate bill allowing settlers on government irrigation projects 20 years instead of ten, in which to make water payments, and providing for graduated payments.

#### House Begins Work on Trust Bills.

Formal steps to start the administration anti-trust legislation through congress were taken by the house rules committee, when it formulated a special rule for the expeditious passage of the three bills which make up the anti-trust program.

House leaders were interested in a report that in case the senate finds it impossible to put through all the trust legislation which the house will pass and get away from Washington about July 15, an effort will be made to effect a compromise, put through part of this legislation and go home.

According to this plan, the senate would provide nothing further than the creation of an interstate trade commission, with authority to investigate and make a report at the next session of congress.

There are many democratic senators who are convinced that the senate cannot hope to put through the subcommittee's trust bill inside of two months at the least.

#### Statue to John Barry is Dedicated.

With the dedication and unveiling of a monument to Commodore John Barry, the Irish patriot of the American revolution, President Wilson eulogized the early settler and hero who "brought his heart to America when he came from Ireland."

The president said Barry and Washington were the men who first saw that America must live her own life without "entangling alliances."

"We need not," said the president, "and should not, form alliances with any nation. Those who are right, those who hold their honor above their advantage do not need alliances. You need alliances only when you are not strong. You are weak when in the wrong and when afraid to do right."

Referring to Barry's heroic work as "the father of the American navy," on his coming from Ireland, the president said:

"The test of us all is whether we will assist America to live her life, retaining our ancient interest and affection for our native land."

#### National Capital Briefs.

Senator Borah offered an amendment to the river and harbor bill, asking for a loan of \$50,000,000 to be used in reclamation projects.

A further urgent deficiency bill, appropriating upwards of \$6,000,000 because of army and navy activities in Mexico, will be passed by the house.

President Wilson will oppose the changes in the pending anti-trust bills advocated by labor leaders to make more explicit the exemption of labor unions from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill aggregating \$5,000,000 was passed by the house. It provides for the acquisition of embassy sites and buildings at Tokio at \$150,000; in Bern, Switzerland, at \$140,000 and in Mexico City at \$150,000.

The Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, told him the whole political story of the New Haven road was the assertion here of Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission, which is probing the affairs of the New England railroad system.

A new regulation governing weights on carload shipments of berries by express from points in Oregon and Washington to destinations as far east as Chicago, Ill., by which the transportation charges were increased, was suspended by the interstate commerce commission. The suspension holds until September 17.

Democratic leaders in the senate aligned with the president for repeal of tolls exemption expect to see the bill closed by Sunday, but the most optimistic house leaders do not believe the three trust measures can be passed in less than three weeks.

## TAFT AIRS MEDIATION VIEWS

Ex-President Thinks Offer And Acceptance Important Future Step.  
New York.—William Howard Taft gave his views on the Mexican situation in an address at the Free Synagogue's celebration of Peace Sunday.

While the ex-president expressed little hope that the pending mediation conference would accomplish its immediate purpose, he asserted that the offer of mediation and its acceptance constituted an important step toward the future settlement of international disputes in the western hemisphere.

"But if we are to be involved in war because of Mexican anarchy, let us have it fully understood that we go into it 'in the service of mankind,' as the president phrases it, and not upon the issue of a mere punctilio in naval ceremonial."

## FILIPINOS USE LESS OPIUM.

Habit Checked, Consumption Reduced, Says Government Report.

Washington.—Consumption of opium among the Filipinos has been completely checked, if not entirely eradicated, says a report to Brigadier General McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, from the collector of internal revenue in the Philippines. He says that as a result of laws on the subject "the use of opium is now confined to a comparatively small number of confirmed users of the drug, practically all of whom are Chinese, who cannot give up the vice and who will go to any length to obtain it."

While there are in many parts of the islands scattering instances where Filipinos still indulge in the use of opium, it is reported that less than 5 per cent of the former Filipino users, who had numbered 40,000 in 1906, were still victims of the vice in 1911 and that since then conditions in Manila have greatly improved. Conditions in the provinces are said to be fairly satisfactory.

"It is perhaps too much," the report says, "to suspect that the opium evil will ever be absolutely suppressed in the Philippine Islands. It may be said, however, that almost without exception Chinese users of opium in any of its forms are today using a much smaller amount than that used by the same persons a few years ago. This is shown by the comparative ease with which Chinese users sent to the hospital today are cured. The only hope of approximating total suppression lies in making indulgence in the habit so difficult that the younger generation will not acquire it, and in this direction the progress made has certainly been most satisfactory."

## 18 MOUNTAIN LIONS BAGGED.

Success of Hunt Conducted in the Yellowstone Park.

Gardiner, Mont.—One of the most unique hunts in history and one that is being conducted on a large scale is the mountain lion drive in the Yellowstone National park. Within fifteen days eighteen lions were bagged, including the largest specimen ever seen in this region. The hunt is going on by permission of the government.

The largest lion was jumped at a point near Gardiner and led the hunters and dogs a chase of forty-five miles before it was killed near the starting point.

The method pursued in hunting the lions is to trail a beast to a tree or some spot where he seeks safety after desperately trying to outwit the pack of dogs chasing him. The lion then is shot.

## CLEVELAND USING EASTERN TIME NOW

### Much Confusion as All Clocks Are Moved Forward an Hour.

Cleveland.—Eastern time has officially superseded central standard time here. Clevelanders are fitting their appetites and sleeping hours to the new time.

The new time had a preliminary try-out in many business places and homes. In offices clocks were turned ahead an hour at noon lunch period. Employees returned to work on central time, thus getting an extra hour. The majority of Clevelanders, however, lost an hour when clocks were turned ahead.

The Cleveland Athletic club observed the change with an "eastern time" party, and factory whistles announced the shifting of clocks. Clocks in public schools were moved ahead. In many buildings special exercises were held. Churches, both Protestant and Catholic, will go by eastern time.

At the new courthouse central time prevails, a state statute prescribing central time must be used. So far as the chamber of commerce could learn, not a Cleveland factory or business house will continue to be governed by central standard time. All churches conduct their services under the new order. Theaters, saloons and professional and amateur baseball organizations observe the change.

The dairymen and truck gardeners have arranged to make their rounds an hour earlier, so breakfast need not be late. The movement for eastern time became state wide last winter, but the legislature failed to provide for the change. Cleveland then took the initiative.

## Brief News of the Week

Shriners will hold their next annual national meeting at Seattle, Wash., July 15, 1915. Dr. Frederick R. Smith of Rochester, N. Y., has been elected imperial potentate.

Postmaster General Burleson, during the 14 months he has been in office, has appointed 23,317 postmasters of which number 5171 were of the presidential grade.

Ogle county, Illinois, residents told the public utilities commission they preferred to have the present phone system to the new plan which would prevent them from listening to neighborhood gossip by "cutting in."

The board of directors of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors have ordered that headquarters for handling all fruits be opened immediately at Portland, with Wilmer Sieg, of Hood River as sales manager.

It is expected that Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago, will decline to accept the position as one of the new federal reserve board. Nominations of all five members are expected to be sent to the senate by the president this week. Sheriff Smith of Cleveland sold at public auction \$70,000 worth more of land on Euclid Heights owned by Patrick Calhoun, traction magnate of New York and San Francisco, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,642,000.

Water-borne freight began passing through the Panama canal Monday, when five barges carrying about 2100 tons of miscellaneous cargo were towed from Balboa, at the Pacific end, to Cristobal, at the Atlantic end of the canal.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, commonly known as the Presbyterian church, North, was opened Thursday in Chicago. On the same day the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterians met in Kansas City and that of the Reformed Presbyterians in Cincinnati.

## MEXICAN NEWS NOTES

The Mexican rebels under Zapata are said to have reached a point within ten miles of Mexico City.

British residents of Mexico City have gathered in concentration districts in the foreign residence quarter in the capital city in fear of an attack upon them.

Notice is said to have been given foreign owners to reopen their mines in Parral district, Mexico, in 15 days. The Mexicans will seize the mines if the order is not obeyed.

Rebel commander Villa is said to have put the lid on at Torreon. Soldiers are not allowed to use intoxicating liquors and citizens are compelled to keep within proper bounds.

Dictator Huerta is said to be surrounded by the best men in his army for his own private body guard. The soldiers wear blue shoulder straps, indicative of their service to their president.

The Brazilian Minister at Mexico City reported to the State Department that the liberating of Consul Silliman at Saltillo had been confirmed by Americans who reached the Mexican capital.

The size of the expense of the present Mexican undertaking is shown by the deficiency appropriation bill for \$2,701,327, in the house providing for the army alone. More than one-half of the amount is for transportation.

Official reports show the constitutionalists rapidly extending their field of occupation. Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported them in possession of Tuxpan, the important east coast town with extensive oil industries.

The reported execution of Private Samuel Parks, an American soldier who strayed through the Mexican lines, will be investigated immediately. It was said in a message from Mexican Foreign Minister Ruiz to the Spanish Ambassador Mr. Riano.

#### Faces Bigamy Charge.

Poncella.—F. M. Terrell, alias Fred M. Tyler, is under arrest here and faced by two wives, one of whom he married at Sheridan, Wyo., in 1893, and the other in Malheur, Ore., in 1912. The first wife was deserted four years ago and has since been running down the case. Finally she found the second wife, and both placed marriage certificates in the hands of the sheriff. Tyler is a well known contractor.

#### Will Mend Lewiston Roads.

Lewiston.—May 22, by an official proclamation by Mayor Morris, will be designated as good roads day. Citizens with picks and shovels will spend the day working on the hill road from the Clearwater bridge to the Washington state line.

#### Caldwell Bank Pays Dividends.

Caldwell.—An order for the payment of a 30 per cent dividend to depositors of the American national bank of Caldwell has been issued by the United States comptroller of the currency, according to information received here.

It is understood that the checks for the first dividend will be mailed about the first of June and that the creditors of the bank will benefit thereby to the extent of approximately \$35,000.

## Notice of Sale of State Lands.

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids until 10 o'clock a. m. July 14, 1914, for the following described lands, to-wit:

Section 36, T. 13 S. R. 42 E.  
S½ of NE¼, NE¼ of NW¼, N½ of SE¼, SE¼ of SW¼ and lots 1, 2 and 4 of Section 16, T. 16 S. R. 40 E.

Sections 16 and 36, T. 32 S. R. 43 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 32 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 33 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 33 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 34 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 45 E.  
S½ of section 16, all of section 36, T. 36 S. R. 46 E.

Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 47 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 36 S. R. 48 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 44 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 45 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 46 E.  
Sections 16 and 36, T. 37 S. R. 48 E.

All bids must be accompanied by a regularly executed application to purchase and check or draft for at least one-fifth of the amount of the bid. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Application and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, clerk state land board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase state lands."

G. G. BROWN,

Clerk State Land Board.

Dated May 1, 1914. St

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, April 30, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Rowley Robinson, of Ontario, Oregon, who on May 13, 1910 made homestead entry No. 01311, for SW¼ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼ Sec. 24, NE¼ SE¼, SE¼ NE¼ Section 23, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

S. D. Moore, H. S. Sutton, of Ontario, Oregon; John T. Taylor, Rolan Hall, of Payette, Idaho.

Bruce R. Kester, Register.

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, April 30, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Stephen D. Moore, of Ontario, Oregon, who on August 30, 1910, made Homestead Entry No. 01537, for SE¼ SE¼ Sec. 23, SW¼ SW¼ Sec. 24, NW¼ NW¼ Sec. 25 and NE¼ NE¼ Section 22, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of June, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Rowley Robinson, A. Jaquish, H. W. Clement, and C. Trousdale, of Ontario, Oregon.

Bruce R. Kester, Receiver.



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## Local Market Report.

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cantile Company.

Eggs, per dozen. 17½c.  
Butter, per pound. 25c.  
Oats, per hundred. \$1.50  
Wheat, per hundred. \$1.75.  
Hay, per ton. \$8.  
Potatoes, per hundred. 1.00  
Onions, per hundred. \$2.00.  
Apples, per box. \$1.00. to \$1.50  
Chickens, dressed, per pound. 18c.  
Pork, dressed. 8½ to 9½c.  
Pork, live. 6.50 to 7  
Veal, 9 to 10c.  
Beef, 11c to 12c